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road. All the trail signage, grooming, and plowing was conducted by the Klamath Basin Snowdrifters, a local snowmobile club. Funding for the project implementation was provided by state snowmobile gas tax and registration fees.

- Surveyor Old-Growth Fence and Recreation Site Improvements: Constructed approximately 3 miles of fence to protect an existing old-growth stand (EA#OR-014-95-03); removed hazard trees; installed signs; and repaired damaged toilet near the recreation site. Funding for these improvements was through the Jobs-in-the Woods Program. This work will continue for FY97.
- Upper Klamath River Recreation Permits: Issued and monitored 29 special recreation permits for the upper Klamath River commercial whitewater rafting companies. The river was routinely patrolled for permit compliance.
- Topsy Recreation Site: Provided summer park ranger and law enforcement services. Repaired and or replaced picnic tables and fire grates, improved handicap accessibility, upgraded tent pads and day use areas, removed hazard trees, and maintained boat dock.
- Wood River Wetland: Improved parking area and continued monitoring use.
- Gerber Recreation Site: Provided for enhanced fee collection through use of volunteer camp hosts; installed signs; removed hazard trees; and repaired and or painted toilets and picnic tables.

FY97 PROJECTS PLANNED OR ACCOMPLISHED

- Topsy Recreation Site: Continue to provide summer park ranger and law enforcement services. Continue to provide improvements to handicap accessibility and to upgrade camp sites and day use area. Expand the use of volunteers to accomplish work projects at the park.
- OHV Inventory and Road Closures: The BLM partnered with the Fremont National Forest in applying and receiving a grant from the state all-terrain vehicle (ATV) allocation committee. The grant will be used to inventory existing roads and jeep trails. Recommendations will be made regarding suitability for roads to be left open and for establishing off-highway vehicle (OHV) routes. This inventory information will then be used to produce a future brochure/map that will identify these routes for the public.

An additional ATV allocation committee grant, partnered with the BLM's Lakeview Resource Area, will provide funding assistance for OHV enforcement, compliance, and education patrol efforts in the Klamath Falls Resource Area.

- Wood River Wetland: Continue monitoring use. Pursue grant opportunities for enhancing visitor services information and education opportunities.
- Gerber Reservoir: Maintain Gerber Reservoir campground and repair the north Gerber Reservoir boat ramp and dock.
- *Upper Klamath River:* Issue and monitor up to 25 special recreation permits for the upper Klamath River commercial whitewater rafting companies. The river is routinely patrolled for permit compliance.